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Spokane to receive \$280,000 for equipment to practice terrorism response

WASHINGTON – Rep. George Nethercutt (R-Wash.) announced today that the City of Spokane will receive \$280,000 from Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs (OJP), so the city can purchase specialized training equipment for local hazardous materials (HAZMAT), fire services, law enforcement, and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel.

“This funding is great news for Spokane. This will enable Spokane’s local emergency personnel--the people who will be first responders in the event of an attack--to improve their response to situations involving weapons of mass destruction by training with equipment identical to that which would be used in the event of an actual attack,” Nethercutt said.

The grant funding comes from the Nunn-Lugar-Domenici Domestic Preparedness Program administered by the OJP. The program provides eligible jurisdictions with a tailored suite of training, exercises and equipment support to enhance their capacity to respond to incidents of terrorism involving the use of weapons of mass destruction.

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